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## Imperial Oil Acquired New Lease Rights

Company Blankets Additional Acreage Along the Coal-spur Railway Line.

More extensive operations in the search for oil in the Coalspur district, lying along the Alberta coal branch railway, south of Edson are indicated by the recent activity of the Imperial Oil company which has acquired additional oil and petroleum rights as a result of a sale just held at the dominion land office here.

The rights that have now been acquired cover the territory in the vicinity of Lovett at the end of the branch which serves the Coal Valley, Stirling and other mines. These were held some time ago by other parties but were again forfeited to the Crown when the annual dues were not paid. At the request of the Imperial Oil company, they were again put up for auction and the big company secured them without any opposition.

The Imperial Oil has been engaged in drilling operations in the vicinity of the Coalspur junction for some time and the drillers have sunk wells to a depth of several hundred feet. Work is still proceeding in this area and it is said there are excellent indications that oil will be struck. The acreage now blanketed is situated about fifteen miles south of the present scene of activity.

Other oil leases in the Wainwright district are to be put up for auction on the 23rd of this month and the 9th of March.

## Medicine Hat Lets Contract to Drill Test Well for Oil in City

Medicine Hat, Alta., Feb. 13th.—Something novel in the way of oil development will be attempted as the result of a plebiscite taken here today, which authorized the closing of a contract with C. E. Roth, of Oklahoma, to drill a 3,200 test well in the city. The municipality will purchase natural gas to the extent of \$75,000 from the well, within the next ten years, providing oil is not struck. If the well is a commercial oil producer, the city receives the gas free of charge and turns over 8,000 acres of leases to Roth, receiving five per cent royalty on all oil from this and future wells, as well as the natural gas by-product at 3 cents a thousand cubic feet.

## Condition of the Oil Business is Better than for Several Years

By J. Edgar Pew, President, American Petroleum Institute

I believe the condition of the oil business is better than it has been for several years.

Within the industry there is a better spirit of co-operation for the benefit of all. Standards of equipment are being established that should very considerably reduce the costs of materials and increase the efficiency of all field labor.

Drilling operations are conducted with a better success as a result of geographical data, largely developed within the past few years. New pools of oil are being discovered with greater frequency and with less of the wild-cat type of operations than ever before.

The relations of the industry to the public are improving. The problems confronting the industry, its responsibilities and its great achievements are being better understood. I believe the efforts of the American Petroleum Institute to still further promote a better understanding on the part of the public will accomplish much during the present year. The public is entitled to full confidence in the institute in this work. The institute should make any sacrifices necessary to establish this confidence.

I do not look with alarm upon any prophecies of a scarcity of oil during this year, or for any years to come. The oil industry has in a big way accomplished the seemingly impossible in the amount of oil it has produced, notwithstanding repeated predictions to the contrary that there was no such amount of oil to be had. I am confident that the precedent of its past performances will be fully maintained in the future for many years to come, and until science and invention shall have provided a good and sufficient substitute for oil products. This seems to me to be a safe presumption.

On the whole the future of the legitimate oil business looks very bright.

It is understandable, of course, that when wheat goes up in price corn and oats should go up also, and that cattle and hogs should show a corresponding advance. But can anyone explain why the rising price of wheat should pull up the price of gasoline?

## Former Assistant Supt. on B.P. Wells Killed in California

FORMER ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT ON B. P. KILLED IN CALIFORNIA

Word reached Irma the first of this week of the death of V. C. Lamb, formerly assistant superintendent of the drilling of the B. P. wells at Wainwright. Shortly after the bringing in of number four well, early last fall, Mr. Lamb left Wainwright for California, to accept a position with the Pacific General Electric Co., at Oroville, California, where he met with the accident on Thursday of last week, passing away early on Friday morning, death resulting from shock and electric burns. He leaves to mourn his loss, his wife and little daughter who were with him at the end.

## BEE-KEEPING.

### COLLEGE TAKES UP BEEKEEPING

As a result of the increased interest in beekeeping within the Province of Manitoba, the Manitoba Agricultural College has taken to the raising of queen bees as a new enterprise.

A recent report in this connection states that the ability of the college to provide beekeepers with queen bees for their queen colonies has been the saving of many valuable swarms.

A number of public lectures and demonstrations in beekeeping at the college apiary and elsewhere in the province were given throughout the year. Much research work is also being carried on with the view to making Manitoba hives more profitable.

The annual convention of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association recently held in Winnipeg Man., reflected the remarkable growth of the honey-producing business in Manitoba during recent years.

During the past year according to the report of L. T. Floyd, Provincial Apiarist, the number of beekeepers in Manitoba increased from 1,200 to 1,800. The fall count of hives gave a total of 22,113 hives, and the honey crop for the year reached the total of 1,249,678 pounds, or an average of 84 pounds per hive. According to Mr. Floyd, the past year was unfavorable to honey production, except where sweet clover was available. Following the report of R. M. Auckle on marketing, the delegates passed the following resolution:

"Resolved that this convention strongly recommends that every member of the Manitoba Beekeepers' Association join the Honey Producers' Co-operative Association, such members to consider themselves agents for their respective localities in getting beekeepers to join in co-operative selling."

## Notice to Farmers re Pool Meeting

Pool meeting in Irma, February 14th at 2 P. M.

Very successful meetings have been held at Wainwright, Edgerton and Chauvin, where canvassing committees have been selected to cover their respective districts to obtain contract signers for the livestock, dairy and poultry pools. At several meetings along the line, bankers, business men and others have volunteered to help the farmers to organize these pools just as they did during the wheat pool drive.

Similar movements are in progress in the United States which have been endorsed by President Coolidge. In a recent radio message broadcasted by President Coolidge on co-operative marketing, the President among other things said, "Every citizen among us has a personal concern in the welfare of the farmer. The fortune of all of us will in the end go up or down with his. If we ever permit our farming population to fall to the level of a mere agricultural peasantry they will carry down with them the general social and economic level. The farmer is not only a producer he is likewise a merchant. It does him no good to get quantity production—in fact it may do him harm—unless he also can have scientific marketing."

A meeting for the purpose of organizing the five stock and dairy pools will be held at Irma on Saturday, afternooon, February 14th at 2 P. M.

All locals north and south from Jarro to Battle River are asked to have as many representatives present as possible. Mr. J. Slatery of Camrose will speak on the Livestock Pool and J. R. Love will speak on behalf of the Dairy Pool. A large attendance is requested as it is only possible to hold meetings at central points in order to cover the Province before seeding time.

## No Word Yet of C.N.R. Test of B. P. Oil

Following enquiries as to the result of the test being made of the first car of crude oil shipped from the B. P. wells to the C. N. R. From information obtained from C. N. R. offices at Edmonton, we have been advised that the oil had reached its destination and that the company was awaiting the arrival of Mr. Egar, superintendent of motor power who would supervise the test. In all probability the test will be made within the next week, but it may be some time before the report on same is made public. Rumors were in circulation last week that the test had been made but we have been assured that these were not correct.

### ANNUAL MEETING RATEPAYERS ERS M. D. BATTLE RIVER

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21st

On Saturday afternoon, February 21st the Council of the Municipality of Battle River will hold their annual meeting. At this meeting any ratepayer who has any suggestions to make re the running of the municipality or complaints to make against the present council should be present. At this meeting three councillors will be nominated for the ensuing year and if two nominations are made for any one ward, the election to decide who will be elected will be held on the following Saturday. As a rule too little interest is taken in this important meeting and too much criticism is passed on the men who devote their time in the interest of the ratepayers, in many cases neglecting their own work. If more interest would be shown before election and men elected who are agreeable to the majority of the ratepayers it would be better both for the Councillors and the ratepayers.

### NEW OIL GUSHER NEAR ALBERTA BORDER

Lethbridge, Feb. 13th.—The border was thrown into a fever of excitement yesterday when the news came in of the successful completion of the Alberta Archambault oil well seven miles south and about four miles west of Coutts. The oil is gushing over the top of the derrick, apparently forced up by gas. The flow has not been measured, but experienced oil men who were present when the gusher came in about noon pronounce it one of the best wells in the field.

The new well is located in section 21-56-3 and is the most northerly producer in the field. Oil was struck at 1,900 feet, between 400 and 500 feet deeper than the oil bearing sands farther south in the field. It bears out perfectly the geology of the field which dips to the north into Canada, the various sands lying deeper as one travels north.

A revival of interest in Canadian operations is certain to follow the completion of the Archambault well as the discovery opens a vast area of oil exploration. It will pull attention from the southern end of the Kevin-Sunburst field to the north and is reasonably certain to result in active drilling on the Canadian side this summer. It particularly strengthens the faith of oil men in the Moody-Coutts townsite well and the Baillie well on the quarantine station, which now stands idle and uncompleted.

Archambault is the new agent on the C. N. R. between Great Falls and Sweet Grass. With him are associated some thirty-one railway employees.

### HELP WANTED

Agents in every town and district for fast selling article. Can sell one to three in every home. Good commission and recommended by best business men. Smart farmers sons and daughters can make big money selling this line to neighbors and friends.—Reference Bank of Commerce, Calgary. Apply Room 12, Central Bldg.

Mr. A. Turnbull, returned Tuesday after spending several months in Vancouver. Mr. Turnbull has not decided if he will stay in Alberta or return to the coast in the spring, he states a lot of talk is being heard in Vancouver about the prospects in Alberta and he looks for a considerable movement of settlers from the west as soon as the spring opens up.

George Hipperson, intends holding an auction sale of 24 head of Purebred Shorthorn Cows, part of the J. G. Clark herd, at the Irma Stock Yard, next Friday afternoon, J. W. Stuart, Auctioneer will have charge of the sale.

### MARKET PRICES (Subject to change without notice.)

Wheat	
No. 1	1.61
No. 2	1.56
No. 3	1.51
No. 4	1.35
No. 5	1.27
No. 6	1.13
No. 1 Feed	.88
Oats	
2 C. W.	.45
3 C. W.	.42
Feed	.39
No. 2 Feed	.31
Barley	.73

### SALE AND REDEMPTION OF IM- FOUNDED ANIMALS (Sec. 48)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that:

The following animals: one bay mare, 7 years, strip on face, right hind foot white, weight about 1400 lbs.; one bay gelding, about 7 years, right hind foot white, wire cut left front foot; and one bay mare, 5 years, white strip on face, weight about 1400 lbs., no visible brands, were impounded in the pound kept by the undersigned, located on the S. W. 1-4 Sec. 32-Twp. 45, Rge 11, 4th Meridian on the 16th and 17th days of January, 1925, and that the said animals were sold on the 29th day of January, 1925 to: bay mare to S. F. Cullum, Sedgewick, Alta., bay gelding to B. Skogheim, Sedgewick, Alta., and bay mare, 7 yrs to O. Overbo, Kinsella, Alta.

—and that said animals may be re-hall within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.  
BLAKE H. GREEN, Sec.-Treas. M. D. of Kinsella, No. 424. Post Office, Kinsella, Alta.

### SALE AND REDEMPTION OF IM- FOUNDED ANIMALS (Sec. 48)

Notice is hereby given under Section 48 of The Domestic Animals Act (Municipalities) that:

The following animals in the pound kept by Joe Culbra: one red cow, with horns, no brand; one red steer, white head with horns, no brand, sold on January 29th, 1925 to F. C. Saville, Hardisty, Alta.

One red heifer calf with horns, no brand, sold on January 29th to Richard Larson, Irma, Alta.

One red mulley steer, branded inverted half circle over JE on right hip. One black brown heifer with horns and no brand, sold on January 31st, to F. C. Saville, Hardisty.

One red steer, stub horns, branded bar over AP on right ribs, sold to Jas. Hearn, Irma, Alta. January 31st.

And the following animal in pound kept by Joe Rubnok: One 3 year old heifer, white face, no brand, on January 29th sold to F. C. Weise, Irma, Alta.

—and that said animals may be redeemed by the owner or on his behalf within a period of thirty days from the publication of this notice in The Alberta Gazette, upon payment of all fees and costs due to the municipality and the purchaser of said animal.

For information apply to the undersigned.  
R. J. TATE, Secy-Treas. of the Municipality of Battle River No. 423, Post Office, Irma, Alta.

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## The Tariff--An Economic Issue

For the past forty years or more the Customs tariff has been a hotly and even often not a hotly contested issue in Canada. Essentially an economic question, it was made into a partisan issue and election after election has been fought between rival political parties with the tariff the main point of divergence between them, with high tariff and protection advocated by the Conservative party, and lower tariff, or a tariff based on the revenue requirements of the country rather than the protective principle, advocated by the Liberal party.

Actually this economic question should never have been made the focus of party politics. The country has suffered because of it. Inasmuch as taxation is involved in the question of the tariff it must, of course, remain a political issue in its broadest sense, but it should not be a partisan issue. Just how to divorce the two is the problem.

Fortunately for Canada there is a growing tendency to regard the tariff as an economic rather than a partisan issue. Today there are men in the ranks of the Liberal party who have high tariff and protection. Even in the Progressive party there is a divergence of opinion, the average Progressive is in the East not seeing eye to eye with Western Progressives in this particular. While the population of Canada was largely to be found east of the Great Lakes, and the policy of Protection was accepted as necessary to the upbuilding of manufacturing industries, differences of opinion in regard to the economic effect of the opposing tariff policies did not actually endanger the Dominion. Now, however, with nearly a third of the population west of the Great Lakes, the economic rather than the old partisan aspects of the tariff controversy loom large, and the gap between east and west is widening.

It is not pleasant to contemplate this, but it would be worse than foolish to ignore it, nor would it be patriotic to do so. The real patriot is the one who faces the existing situation and seeks to discover a remedy. The two schools of economic thought are as far apart as the poles. Stated bluntly, the Industrial East states it cannot survive without high tariff protection, while the agricultural West declares just as emphatically that it cannot grow and prosper so long as it is maintained.

In view of this seeming impasse there are those who argue that Canada has come to the parting of the ways, and that the only thing to do is to cur the Dominion in two at the Great Lakes and create not one but two British, self-governing units out of British North America, thus allowing the East to have all the tariff and protection they want without placing a handicap on the West, and allowing the West to go in for a very low tariff or free trade without thereby forcing such a policy on the East to its detriment.

Advocates of such a policy are, as yet, few in number, nor do such views find acceptance with the vast majority of the Canadian people. A policy of separation should, and will, be a serious consideration when all other efforts to bridge the chasm have failed. Both East and West, however, must fully realize that the present differences must be adjusted, and that without loss of time, or there is grave danger that the idea of separation will pass from mere theoretical and academic discussion into the realm of practical issues.

The only thing to do is to forget partisan policies in all future discussion and consideration, and deal with it solely as an economic and financial matter affecting the whole Dominion. The real patriot is the one who faces the existing situation and seeks to discover a remedy. The two schools of economic thought are as far apart as the poles. Stated bluntly, the Industrial East states it cannot survive without high tariff protection, while the agricultural West declares just as emphatically that it cannot grow and prosper so long as it is maintained.

Partisan politics have no place in this particular column of this paper, but economic questions and social problems affecting the life of Canada have first place, and no apology is required for discussing the greatest of all economic questions, namely, the Customs tariff, when such discussion is confined to economic regardless of and quite apart from partisan opinions or policies.

Eastern people and interests can be depended upon to present their views and urge their policies. In this column the view of the West will be presented from time to time because the tariff issue must come to a head soon, as between East and West. The present position is too dangerous to allow it to continue. Existing differences can only be met by compromise. The West cannot get everything it wants, and the East must recognize the fact that conditions have changed with the settlement of the West, and will continue to change as our development and growth proceeds, with the result that the East cannot retain everything it has hitherto enjoyed in the way of tariff protection.

**An Unusual Request**  
The work of a Scottish parish council has reported an unusual occurrence in connection with the payment of relief to a Highland woman, a widow with five children. The council made her an allowance of \$35.64, a week, six weeks later she wrote asking him to reduce the allowance, as there were only two other members of the community who were as well off, one being a clergyman and the other the postman.

**Remarkable Collection of Pipes**  
Carl Homer, of London, is the owner of 5,560 pipes, and has smoked each one of them. His collection of pipes is believed to be without question the largest in the world. Some of the pipes date back to remote days in Chinese history. One of his most favored pipes is that which was once in the possession of Sir Walter Raleigh.

**Against Games of Chance**  
A recommendation that the Alberta Government cancel its grants of \$5,000 each to the agricultural fairs of Calgary and Edmonton unless games of chance at those fairs are eliminated was adopted by the United Farmers of Alberta.

**Hobbies are the most unsatisfactory of all beasts to ride.**

## Children Cry for



**Fletcher's CASTORIA**  
MOTHER—Fletcher's Castoria is especially prepared to relieve infants in arms and children all ages of Constipation, Flatulency, Wind Colic and Diarrhea, allaying Feverishness arising therefrom, and by regulating the Stomach and Bowels, aids the assimilation of Food, giving healthy and natural sleep.

To avoid imitations, always look for the signature of *Dr. J. C. Fletcher* Absolutely Harmless—No Opium. Physicians everywhere recommend it.

## Great Air Base At Singapore

Will Be Largest Base For Commercial Airships on Australian Route  
A great air base, combining military and commercial features, will be built by the British air ministry at Singapore, according to the London Daily News correspondent. The airplane carrier, P. 10,000, with a fleet of Napier-Palmer amphibian aeroplanes, is already carrying out extensive survey work from the air.

Singapore will be the biggest base for commercial airships on the England-India-Australia route. Moorish masts, gas plants and other necessary equipment will be erected. The station will also act as a naval base and patrol station for the whole of the eastern seas.

## Mothers' Best Friend In Rearing Children

Pain and sudden sickness are apt to come upon us at any time and safety is not always at hand. A good mother should have a reliable pain relief like good old "Nervine." For nearly half a century Nervine has been a family standby, and most mothers have come to rely upon it in case of colds, sore throat, tight chest, sprains, cramps, nausea and sudden attacks of sickness at the stomach. For internal or external use Nervine is worth its weight in gold in every home, and costs but 25 cents at any druggist.

## Plan Military Organization

U.S. to Study Activity of British Women during War  
The war department is making a study of the organized activity of British women with their armies in the Great War as a basis for a probable military organization of women in this country in time of emergency. Major-General John Hines, chief of staff of the United States army, paid in an address before the Women's Republican Club of Massachusetts.

## MAKE CARE OF BABIES EASIER

Stomach disturbances and constipation are responsible for much of the sickness of babies and young children. When the baby is cross or irritable the mother should not resort to so-called soothing mixtures to correct the trouble, for in the majority of cases these mixtures simply drug the child into an unnatural sleep. What is needed is a gentle laxative that will sweeten the stomach and regulate the bowels. Such a remedy is found in Baby's Own Tablets. They are easy to take and are guaranteed to be entirely free from opiates and narcotics. Concerning them, Mrs. Jos. Tounsiant, St. Louis, writes: "I would like all mothers to know that I found there is no other medicine to equal Baby's Own Tablets. I always keep a box in the house and their prompt action never fails to restore my little ones to health." The Tablets are sold by medicine dealers or by mail at a box from The W. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## Interesting Baby Book

Valuable Advice in Connection With Care and Feeding of Babies  
Undoubtedly the most interesting reading for the young mother is that which deals with the care and feeding of babies, particularly if the subject is treated in simple language for all to understand clearly. We have just received a booklet, "Baby Welfare," which is one of the most interesting and instructive we have seen in a long time. It has chapters on prenatal care, Feeding of Baby, Bottle Feeding Supplementing Breast Feeding, Diet After First Year, Food Formulas, Sleep, Fresh Air, Exercise, Bathing, Clothing, Baby's weight and Measurements, with sundry hints as to safeguarding of baby's health against common ailments. There is also a page devoted to Baby's Biography, which should be an interesting record of the little one's activities when it is filled in, and a Weekly Record for Baby's Weight and Height, which the mother can fill in. In the introduction the publishers say that they have purposely omitted suggestions pertaining to medical treatment, knowing that such information should properly come from the family physician when such advice is needed. Mothers desiring a copy of this most helpful book can obtain one, free, by writing to The Baby Welfare Department of The Borden Company Limited, 250 St. Paul Street West, Montreal, mentioning this paper.

**Don't For Mothers**  
Don't slay a doer after telling a child always to close its mouth, and don't rebuke a youngster for shouting with your own voice raised to sky-scraping heights.  
Don't allow a child to be deliberately cruel to any living thing. Tell the boys that it is neither daring nor manly to kick a dog or stomp a kitten, but just low-down cowardice.

Alpha to Omega in man's life, the doctor to pay, the devil to pay, the undertaker to pay.

Small drinking glasses used in early New England were dubbed "sneak cups."

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## Await the Messiah

Sect in Australia Prepare For Second Coming of Christ  
In order to wait for the second coming of Christ, 2,000 members of the Order of the Star in the East have built an amphitheatre at Balmoral Beach, near Sydney, Australia, says the London Express correspondent. So deep is their belief that this return is imminent, preparations have been made at the cost of \$20,000, raised by enrolling members of the order who subscribed from \$50 to \$500 a year.

While the order's belief is that Christ will return in human form, it is expected He will arrive at the amphitheatre by walking on the water from South Head, at the entrance to the harbor, to Balmoral.  
The amphitheatre will contain a small model of a Greek theatre which will be used for the staging of Greek drama during the waiting period, as even the most confident member of the order will not say just when the second coming is to take place.

## First Prolonged Case Treated By Radio

Ship's Doctor Prescribed For Patient During Whole Week  
The steamship Angers, bringing mails from China and Japan, reported on reaching Marseilles that while in the Indian Ocean, between Colombo and Yibouti it received a radio call from a ship of the same line, the Capitaine Faure, say the first officer was seriously sick, with no doctor aboard. The Angers doctor, "examined" the patient by wireless and prescribed treatment.

"Similar" communications were kept up several times daily for a whole week, when the Angers doctor finally was able to pronounce his invisible patient out of danger.

Although not the first time a doctor aboard ship has prescribed by radio—a case recently was reported in the Atlantic—it is probably the first on record when a case was treated by radio and consultations and treatment so prolonged.

## Elevated to Peerage

H. H. Asquith Recipient of Kindly Expressions From London Press  
Interwoven with wholehearted expressions of esteem for H. H. Asquith, British newspapers, in their comment on his elevation to the peerage as Earl of Oxford, give some interesting opinions concerning the possible effect of his accession to the House of Lords upon the fortunes of the liberal party and the general political movement of the day.

The Yorkshire Post says that whatever Mr. Asquith's faults have been, they have been singularly few. He has always been an exponent of a classic liberalism, to which many honest hearts will always respond. The Post concludes that: "The last of the Gladstonian ministers leaves the scene of Gladston's triumphs. It is the end of an honorable association, and it may even be the end of a great tradition."

## Makes Important Discovery

Member of Rockefeller Institute Finds Organism of Cattle Disease  
Dr. Edmund V. Cowdry, of the Rockefeller Institute, New York, who was sent to Pretoria at the invitation of the South African Government, has discovered a micro-organism causing a disease known as "heart water" in sheep, goats and cattle. The microbe resembles closely, but not identically, other organisms causing typhus, trench and other fevers in man. Sir Arnold Theiler, director of veterinary education and research here regards the discovery as of the highest importance.

**Banbury Cross**  
Mr. Lloyd George has invested £100 in a scheme to give the quaint town of Banbury, of "Banbury Cross" fame, a properly equipped market for agricultural produce and livestock to replace its ancient street market. The scheme is being promoted by A. P. McDougall, the war-time commissioner for livestock, who is organizing a company with a capital of £40,000.

Don't expect to get something for nothing. Value for value is the only honest rule in business, politics and morals.

Small drinking glasses used in early New England were dubbed "sneak cups."

For Every Ill—Minard's Liniment

## Menaced By Mines

Twenty Thousand Slowly Rising to Surface in Baltic is Report  
Twenty thousand deep sea mines are slowly rising to the surface in the Baltic and adjacent waters and are becoming a formidable menace to shipping, according to A. Flaes, Netherlands consul-general in Hamburg. In a report published at Amsterdam recently, Mr. Flaes says that during the war 60,000 mines were laid between Bergen, Norway, and the Baltic archipelago. Forty thousand of them have been recovered in some way or other; mostly, it is assumed, through the chains by which they were secured being gradually eaten away by the action of the sea water.

The rest are still unaccounted for, and they are reappearing gradually in unexpected places. The consul gives warning that the Baltic, the North Sea and the Finnish waters will not be entirely mine-free for a long time to come.

## Memorial To Irish Regiments

British Empire Proud of Gallantry of Troops Now Disbanded  
The beautifully wrought marble panels emblazoned with the achievements of the 30 Irish regiments, 17 of which are now disbanded, in St. Patrick's Chapel of Westminster Cathedral, are the commencement of what will eventually be one of the most beautiful war memorials in the country. It is as it should be, for the gallantry of the Royal Irish, the Dublin, the Munster, the Leicesters, and the Connaughts, is part of the prized history of the Empire. To English soldiers who knew them, and loved them, the loss of those regiments to the establishment of the British army is a very real one; it is to many Irishmen as well a lasting grief that regiments which for hundreds of years have borne an honored name are now no more.

**Help for Asthma.** Neglect gives asthma a great advantage. The trouble, once it has secured a foothold, fastens its grip on the bronchial passages tenaciously. Dr. J. J. Kotter's Asthma Remedy, the daily benefiting doses of asthma of long standing. Years of suffering, however, might have been prevented had the remedy been used when the trouble was in its first stages. Do not neglect asthma, but use this preparation at once.

**Shelters Noble Dead**  
St. Paul's is an imperial inheritance. It is home to the dominating landmark of the world's metropolis. To unnumbered thousands, that dome typifies London. Beneath it some of the greatest and noblest of the Empire's dead are sleeping. Its preservation is in the nature of a solemn trust laid upon those who have the sacred place in charge.—Montreal Star.

**It Testifies for Itself.**—Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil needs no testimonial of its powers other than itself. Whoever tries it for coughs or colds, for cuts or contusions, for sprains or burns, for pains in the limbs or body, well know that the medicine proves itself and needs no guarantee. This shows why this Oil is "in general use."

**Defences Speculation**  
Senator Shipstead (Exempt-Labor, Minnesota), denounces the Coolidge administration for "encouraging wild orgies of speculation in Wall Street," by letting the federal reserve bank rediscount paper given for speculative purposes. He said it would bring about a collapse which will seriously affect agriculture.

**For First Aid—Minard's Liniment**  
A clamp for auto wheels has been invented to take the weight off the tires while standing idle for a period of time.

The more money you have the easier it is for you to practice economy.

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Rheumatism Colds  
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Aspirin is the trade mark (registered in Canada) of Bayer Manufacturing of Monrovia, California (Aspirin is a Bayer product). While it is well known that Aspirin means Bayer Manufacturing, to assist the public against imitations, the Bayer Company will be stamped with their general trade mark, the "Bayer Cross."



## The Horse Raising Industry Can Be Put On Sound Basis By Breeding The Proper Type

An investigation of the horse industry during the last ten years shows a very considerable change in breeding conditions, also, but to a lesser extent, in the types of horse wanted. Ten years ago, the horse population of Ontario exceeded that of any other province; in fact it was almost one-third of the horse population of Canada. For a number of years previous to the outbreak of war, as high as 10,000 horses a year were shipped to the western provinces. Amongst this number were to be found good and bad, young and old, sound and unsound; in fact, the west was the dumping ground for what Ontario did not want. The prices, however, which were paid for these animals were exceedingly high, quality considered.

Now the tide has set in the other way. In 1922, 10,000 horses passed through Winnipeg on their way east. Half of these stayed in Ontario. During the first nine months of the last year 11,000 horses were sent eastward, of which practically half stayed in Ontario, the rest being distributed through Quebec and the three Maritime Provinces.

During the last two years of the war, and the following two or three, many thought that the truck and the tractor were going to practically displace the horse, not only in the cities, but on the farms. However, it has since been proven that while it was possible to use tractors when war prices prevailed, it is a very different story under present conditions. The necessity of utilizing the cheapest form of power is unpleasantly apparent to our farmers today. This power is unquestionably supplied by the horse.

The various types of horse in demand today may be roughly given as follows: Heavy draft, southern and hunters. By heavy draft is meant horses weighing upwards of 1,600 pounds, and particularly over 1,800 pounds. These are wanted for city draft work. A somewhat lighter draft may be used on the farms, but enough of these will be wanted by attempting to breed good big ones. There are also horses wanted for lumber and mine work. These, while not required to be of extreme draft weight, should be thick set, strongly built and capable of standing hard work. Extract from address prepared by C. M. MacLachlan, chief of the horse division, Dominion Livestock branch.

### Canadian Barley

Good Market Is Available In Britain For Canadian Product.

Lord Bledisloe, one of the large agriculturists of Britain, having recently returned from Canada where he was one of the delegates at the meeting of the British association, called on the Canadian high commissioner to discuss investigating the possibility of increasing the marketable supply of Canadian barley as compared with European barley now sold in Britain and intimated that the pig industry, particularly of the western counties and Wales, was in a measure dependent on barley grown outside of Great Britain.

### Alberta Butter Production

Manufacture of Creamery Butter During 1924 Amounted to 21,500,000 Pounds.

Creamery butter manufactured in Alberta during 1924 amounted to practically 21,500,000 lbs., as compared with 17,800,000 lbs. in the previous year. The total amount of butter graded for export was over 4,000,000 lbs., compared with just over 2,000,000 lbs. in 1923. All of this butter is sold outside of Canada, chiefly in Great Britain and the Orient. There has been a steady increase in the quality of both cream and butter as a result of the cream grading system.

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### Alberta Seed Fair

Quality of Exhibits Said to be Superior To Other Years

Over five hundred exhibits of Alberta seed grain were on display at the annual seed fair held in Calgary, and while this is not so many as last year, the quality was adjudged considerably better. Some of the samples and many of the exhibitors that won prizes at Chicago International were at this show. Apart from the showing of seed grain, there was a spectacular display by the Provincial Government of Alberta trials and grasses collected and arranged by Frank Peterson, of Irma, who has been doing this work for the provincial department of agriculture for some time. Mr. Peterson had something over a hundred samples of grasses, all of them grown in Alberta, and then beneath them small sheaves of Alberta grain were some fine samples of seed. Included in the latter were a few parcels of robusta beans, the beginning of which was a plant presented by a Michigan exhibitor at the International fair and grain show a few years ago. They ripen at least as far north as the old Canadian Northern Railway line east of Edmonton.

### Annual Cattle Show

Alberta Cattle Breeders to Hold 25th Annual Show in April

The Alberta Cattle Breeders' Association announce their 25th annual cattle show and bull sale for April 6 to 11, at Calgary. In the 24 sales which have been held, \$1,339,069.00 worth of bulls have been sold, and at every sale S. W. Pelsky has been the chief auctioneer, though as the sales have gained in size he has had to have additional assistance from year to year. He will open the sale again this year.

All animals will be sold subject to their passing the tuberculin test. In cases where the producer does not have passed the tuberculin test, under government supervision, within six months of date of sale. Animals not so tested will be tested after arrival at the sale, and should be shipped in time to arrive in Calgary no later than the evening of April 6.

### Saskatchewan Wheat Pool

Acres Under Contract Has Been Increased in Last Month

According to officials of the Saskatchewan wheat pool organization, the acreage under contract has been increased by more than 100,000 acres in the last month, placing the present total at 7,250,000 acres.

With the market continuing on an upward trend, no time limit for accepting new contracts has been set. It is claimed the amount of the wheat handled by the pool proves violations of contracts have been practically nil. Only two cases, it is declared, have been brought to official notice.

### Alberta Agricultural Production

Agricultural Products Had a Total of \$226,449,557 For Last Year

Agricultural production in Alberta during 1924 had a value of \$226,449,557, as compared with \$223,814,201, in the previous year, according to a preliminary estimate of the provincial department of agriculture. Though the general production in field crops was much less than in 1923 the prices received were so much higher as to bring the total value up.

### An Effectual Cure

Pursued by hunters, a wild boar crashed into a private house in the village of Grand Malloy, near Bourges, France, and made his way into a bedroom where an invalid had been lying for months. The sick man shrieked for help, then arose and jumped out of the window. The wild boar was finally killed. The invalid has returned to work.

### Pearl Buddha

The Chinese insert a small tin Buddha in an oyster shell and the result is that these tiny figures become coated with the nacreous substance, just as the pearls or said, would become coated with this substance and become a pearl.

### Beekopers in Alberta

It is estimated by the Alberta department of agriculture that there are now 160 beekopers in the province, and that the production of the past season was 55,000 lbs., valued at about \$13,000.

As to intuition, the modern girl who selects her own husband does little better than the o. f. girl who was patiently passive.

### Delivers Opening Address



Hon. C. M. Hamilton, Minister of Agriculture in the Saskatchewan Government, who formally opened the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' annual convention at Regina.

### Uniformity Is Necessary

Commodities of Good Qualities Required to Command a Market

"There is nothing we require more than a large volume of uniform commodities of good quality," said Dr. J. H. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture for the Dominion, speaking at a banquet of the Canadian Society of Technical Agriculturists at Winnipeg. The time of haphazard selling was over, said Dr. Grisdale, and even selling on sample was fast giving place to handler methods. Grading was decidedly on the increase, and among the things about to be graded was bacon.

Canadian cheese had gained a foothold in England equal to the New Zealand product since the grading was started, and the case of bacon, following the grading of hogs, was even more striking. It is held, Dr. Grisdale said, that bacon grading would enable a product to be placed on the British market labelled "Canadian," which would equal the Danish product and increase the demand as well as the price.

Dr. Grisdale pointed out that it was true the burden of improvement by grading comes back on the farmer, but he gets a measure of protection, otherwise, impossible. At present, it costs \$50.00 annually to give it to him, and he suggested that in due course a fee might be charged.

### Big Increase in Dairying

Gain Every Month During 1924 For Saskatchewan

Saskatchewan registered a gain during every month of the past year for dairy production over the previous, according to Dairy Commissioner P. C. Kidd.

The winter gains are particularly gratifying to the officials in charge of this work as it does away with the necessity of carrying over in cold storage for local winter consumption, large quantities of summer-made butter. This was the case not more than two or three years ago. Winter dairying is profitable to the producers and gives Saskatchewan consumers fresh butter the year round. With the present output there is a surplus for export every month in the year.

### PLAN TO VISIT DOMINION



PRINCESS MARY AND VISCOUNT LASCELLES. So successful was the recent visit of the Prince of Wales to Canada that Princess Mary and her husband, Viscount Lascelles, have virtually decided to make a trip to the Dominion next year. It is announced authoritatively in London. The visit, it is added, will be in every way an informal one.

### Distemper

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### Permanent Turkey Pool

Saskatchewan Selling System Brings Satisfactory Returns

Permanent establishment of the Saskatchewan turkey pool is foreshadowed by officials of the provincial department of agriculture and the Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association co-operating in the operation of the turkey pool this year.

"Shippers of farm-dressed turkeys are congratulating themselves on the excellent prices received for their birds handled by the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries, the pool selling agents," state W. Waldron, acting markets commissioner. Final payments have now been sent out and the net prices to the producers were 27 1/2 cents a pound of all weights in No. 1 quality turkeys, with 22 1/2 cents a pound for No. 2.

### Immigration

Administration of Policy Should Be in Hands of Independent Commission

Assuming the willingness to inaugurate an aggressive immigration and colonization policy, the actual administration of it should be entrusted to an independent commission composed of some of the biggest men in the country who would undertake it out of a keen sense of national duty and a realization of the fact that it presents the main solution to present problems. Such men, given a free hand, applying to the problem the business acumen and initiative that has made them successful in private enterprise and assisted by an improved state of agriculture in Canada, could produce results that would soon bring about a marked change in Canada's economic position. —The Edmonton Journal.

### Fox Farms In B.C.

Industry Is Showing Signs Of Remarkable Growth

That British Columbia is taking her place with the other provinces in fox farming is shown in the increasing interest in foxes in that province. Breeding foxes have been imported by Kennedy, Okanagan, Thompson River, Fraser Valley and Vancouver Island farmers during the past few months, which gives some idea of the activity in fox farming. The farms which have been established for some time, have been successful, and this no doubt has given an impetus to the business.

### Should Go To Russia

Nothing to Prevent Communists Enjoying Their "Paradise"

After all, there is no reason whatever why communist plots should be tolerated. If the communists really believe that Russia is an earthly paradise, there is nothing to prevent them from emigrating there en masse. The rest of the world would be only too glad to rid of them. But if they do not believe in the success of bolshevism, then they are humbugs and traitors when they attempt to reproduce the misery Russia in civilized countries. —London Daily Mail.

### Between 95 and 100.

The vital statistics once more call attention to the astonishing fact that fewer people die between the ages of 95 and 100 than in any other five-year period. Apparently when one gets so old, he has acquired a stubborn habit of living. —Toronto Mail and Empire.

## Canada Should Take Advantage Of The Favorable Conditions For Developing Tourist Trade

### Protecting Trees

Shade Tree Insects Cause Damage In Prairie Provinces

The shade trees of the prairie provinces have suffered severely from insect injuries during recent years. Large numbers of them are being planted each year on the prairie farms and the entomological branch of the department of agriculture at Ottawa is making a special effort to aid in protecting them from insect injuries. A laboratory has been established at Indian Head, Sask., to conduct needed investigations on the control of shade tree insects and to recommend effective methods for prevention and control of injuries. More than thirty species of important shade tree insects, of which the forest tent caterpillar is prominent, are receiving attention at this laboratory, which is conducted in close co-operation with the tree planting division of the forestry branch of the department of the interior. Mr. J. J. De Gooze is in charge of the entomological laboratory at Indian Head, to whom enquiries should be referred.

### No Shortage Of Cattle Space

Ocean Freight Rate Still Remains At \$23 Says Dr. Grisdale

"There is no shortage of cattle space on the boats for all cattle available for export to the Old Country, and the price of \$20 per head still remains the ocean freight rate," stated Dr. J. H. Grisdale, deputy minister of agriculture, in an interview at Winnipeg.

"I consider," said Mr. Grisdale, "that space is available for all the cattle available, though the boats may not always be sailing to the port required. The price of \$20 is still in force, though extra money is, at times, charged for diverting the boat to another port."

Dr. Grisdale referred to recent reports of cattle exporters not being able to secure the necessary space when required.

### Buying Western Horses

Prairies Rapidly Growing Ontario Out of Maritime Market

R. E. Wilson, of the Dominion livestock branch, presented an interesting address to the Manitoba Horse Breeders' Association at their recent annual meeting in Brandon. Speaking of present conditions in the horse industry, he stated that 14,000 horses had been sold in the east from the western provinces in 1924, and that the prairies were rapidly crowding Ontario out of the Maritime market. Only six stallions had been traded in Ontario under government clubs last year, he said, whereas the number in the west had increased by 40 per cent.

### Shows Great Development

Holstein-Friesian Report of Canada

The statement to be presented at the annual meeting of the Holstein-Friesian Association of Canada by the secretary, W. A. Clemons, will show that the association had 18,440 registrations last year, which is some 2,200 better than the previous best year which was 1921, and nearly 5,000 better than the 1923. The financial statement will show a cash balance of well over \$16,000, as compared with a deficit of \$125 in 1924. The surplus of assets over liabilities at the present time will total well over \$53,000.

### Russian Student Leads

To lead the class of 35 persons in their graduating year at Jarvis Collegiate less than two years after arriving in Canada as a Russian immigrant, unable to speak one complete sentence of English, has been the happy experience of 17-year-old Kathrine Pless, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lazar Pless, McCall Street, Toronto.

### Architecture Exhibit

Canada will have a place in the New York exhibition of current architecture. The invitation extended by the American Institute of Architects has been accepted and contributions are to be submitted. Invitations were also extended to England, France, Italy, Spain and other countries. The Royal Architectural Institute accepted for Canada.

### Shuns Publicity

Sir James Barrie does not like publicity. At a London theatre where his "Peter Pan" is being shown, an electric sign in foot-high letters proclaimed Sir James' authorship of the masterpiece, and recently he ordered the sign removed.

The man who really knows a lot about women is usually willing to admit that he knows nothing.

"Tourist traffic is one industry ripe for development in Western Canada at the present time," is the statement of one of the engineers of the Natural Resources Intelligence Service of the Department of the Interior, on returning from an investigation of the natural resources of Southern Alberta and British Columbia. This engineer states that our attractions to tourists in this area constitute one natural resource ready to "cash in" on immediately with little expenditure and no diminution of the original assets on which it is based.

Canada has the natural attractions to meet any competition for the American automobile and other tourist traffic. She has the big game and other sporting attractions, the waterways, scenery, summer climate, and so on. The service provided by our railways is the best and our highways are now comparable with many of the main highways in the United States, and they are being rapidly extended and improved.

We have the material to sell and we have a ready market, creating a situation of remarkable possibilities. It is a situation which has developed very abruptly—namely within the last few years. Next door we have a nation, with nearly 110,000,000 people and over 15,000,000 automobiles, bordering us clear across the continent. Most of the motor cars are owned by people with the means and inclination to travel—it is doubtful whether any country ever faced such favorable conditions as Canada enjoys today with regard to the tourist traffic—a class of business which has long been nursed as a large source of income in such countries as France, Italy and Switzerland.

In the report of the United States foreign trade for 1923 the expenditure of tourists abroad is estimated at \$600,000,000. The increasing tourist travel in Canada bids fair to absorb a considerable portion of this annual expenditure. What is required more than anything else to take full advantage of this situation is to create a better, whiter and more attractive industry as a part of conservation, among the various organizations dealing with this traffic. The efforts of the Natural Resources Intelligence Service are being directed toward this end.

As an agency for selling interest in our natural resources, Canada's tourist traffic plays an important part. The American tourist generally has an eye to business as well as pleasure. Many of them make their trips to Canada a tour of investigation, resulting often in investments in this country. Canada's business growth has created an interest among American business men that is deeply revolutionary as contrasted with their attitude toward the Dominion only ten years ago.

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### To Protect the Farmer

Miss Bondfield Urges Census Regarding Area To Be Given to Wheat

A sort of world census regarding the areas to be put under wheat, with a fixed price for the wheat, as an assurance scheme in which farmers could be compensated for "what is known, generally as the acts of God," is the gist of a suggestion contained in a speech delivered by Miss Margaret Bondfield, former parliamentary secretary to the British minister of labor, when dealing with the world's wheat supply. Miss Bondfield described the present system as a "catch-as-catch-can, and purely individualistic policy," and thought that the scheme would result in a more scientific and more reliable basis on which to put the wheat growing of the world.

### Construction Work in Canada

The volume of new construction work initiated in Canada in 1924 was below the 1923 figures, but a noticeable quickening took place in the closing months. The total value of construction undertaken last year was \$276,261,100, as compared with \$214,254,000.

Many a man who believes in giving his satanic majesty his due, leaves his other creditors to hold the empty bag.



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## LETTERS TO EDITOR

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(From The Viking News.)

## BONEHEAD RESOLUTIONS

Farmers are troubled with perennial weeds all summer and the wind scatters seeds all winter, but I only know of one that grows and thrives all winter long and the deeper the snow the faster it grows.

Just so soon as a Rotarian is shut off from motoring and golf and baseball and has to attend strictly to his curling and the usual run of hockey matches with no other pastime except his own business, he starts to invent ways and means of getting the roads opened to motor traffic at the expense of the other fellow.

They say that farmers conventions are the limit in the way of passing resolutions, but for unlimited selfishness I recommend you to the Rotary Clubs of Alberta as judged by reports in the Edmonton Journal.

Half the one horse, bare, treeless, unbecomingly villages which cannot boast of a speck of shade except that cast by their unpainted boxlike buildings have passed resolutions asking the legislature to prohibit the use of ordinary width sleighs by farmers. Consider the gall of it.

Here are some figures. Suppose there are on an average thirty sets of sleighs to a township, a low enough estimate as most farmers have at least two sets. Twenty dollars would be as little as a sleigh could be remodelled for—two new benches, two new rollers, iron braces and blacksmithing. \$600 a township, \$5,400 a municipality and as our municipal unit is number 485 it would amount to the modest sum of \$2,619,000.00 to carry out these fool resolutions.

There are many arguments against wide track sleighs, they could be stated at great length but it is enough to say that if they suited farmers purpose best they would have been in use before a motor car ever had a birth.

Before we start spending this \$2,600,000, or so for the farmers, I would commend the following thought to Rotary Clubs as a subject for resolutions.

Most country towns have no such a thing as a public toilet. Farm women are just as sensitive about their appearance on the street as we will say other people. It is always a mortification for a person who has driven miles to trade to meet freshly groomed people at a worse disadvantage than a rooster trying to fight in the other fellows yard. A wash and brush with the hat straightened up and whatever else a woman may do to improve her appearance gives her a different smile when she looks over the counter at you.

I would not go so far as to say that Rotary Clubs should supply these facilities but it is a subject they might discuss. The prospect of raising fifty dollars a year themselves would be a grand curb on resolutions. This might even be considered by some Boards of Trade in connection with their buy at home campaign. When a woman says "buy at home" she means sit down by a good light with a half dozen nicely illustrated catalogues with the retail price of everything marked in plain figures, and no importunate clerk urging her to spend money unnecessarily.

B. C.

## KINSELLA

A very enjoyable evening was spent Friday, February 6th, at the home of Mrs. Miller by a number of friends who gathered to surprise Mr. W. W. Kerns and help celebrate his birthday. The guests came from all directions but arrived at nearly the same time.

The evening was spent in playing various games, and although word was sent out that we were all to die at midnight, you would never have known it by the looks or actions of those present, for all seemed to enjoy themselves.

At midnight a tasty lunch was served by the hostess, who is an adept in this form of entertainment.

After lunch the friends made known their good wishes by presenting Mr. Kerns with a fine club bag. Mr. D. Corbett made the presentation on behalf of those present and—well, you know Dave.

The evening was lengthened so as by the merry-makers and although those who expected to work on Saturday left in the "wee sma' hours" others didn't "go home until morning."

Those present besides the family, were Mr. and Mrs. A. Knapp, Mr. and Mrs. W. Garden, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Theron, the Misses Lund, Benson, Eaton, Wilcock, Corbett; Mrs. F. Murray and two daughters, Mae and Alice; Messrs. McGuire, V. Reid, W. Boyd, L. J. Killoran and D. Corbett.

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A small party of Viking curlers armed with rocks and brooms escorted by Percy Main responded to an invitation to attend the opening of the much talked of straw rink at Moorreesville on Saturday evening, February 8th. Vague ideas were in the minds of the boys as to what to expect on arriving at their destination, and needless to say, all got the surprise of their lives. What looks at night like a big hay stack, contained at one end a spacious waiting room of lumber construction, into which the guests were escorted where a gas stove was busy radiating the heat so acceptable after a seven mile drive, a match done the trick, and in a moment the room was full of brilliant gas light that always makes you feel at home to all comers. We were next led into the curling rink proper, also lighted by gas, and it is here that everybody met a sight that almost held them spellbound. Walls of straw alright, but neatly baled and built into shape and pegged together from bottom to top as smooth and straight as if cut down by a hay knife. The roof is composed of fairly heavy timbers that had been framed on the ground and raised into place onto the straw walls. On these were spread poles and brush neatly fitted into place and covered with hay, the long row of beams from which the gas lights are suspended, with the 1-4 pitch roof and straw walls give a picturesque appearance to the long sheet of shining ice that proved all that could be desired both for keenness and quality.

Meeting of Council called to order on Thursday morning, February 5th, those present being, Messrs. Thunell, Kelly and Hilliker and W. McAtthey, Secy-Treas.

It was moved by B. Hilliker and Lar Kelly that H. G. Thunell be Reeve of the Village for 1925. Cd.

H. G. Thunell, Reeve.  
B. Hilliker, Chairman of Health.  
Lar Kelly, Chairman Public Works.  
W. McAtthey, Secy-Treas.

John Gould is celebrating his 94th birthday anniversary today, February 11th. He was born in Lanark County, Ontario, Feb. 11th, 1831 and during his lifetime many stirring events have taken place in the world, and mostly all inventions that have revolutionized the world have been perfected. He came to Edmonton Christmas 1901 and bought land and farmed for awhile. In 1907 he took a homestead, the N. E. quarter section 2-48-12. There are five generations in his family tree, which is quite a record in these years of swiftly moving events. At the age of 83 he plowed and put in his last crop, at an age which in itself is far beyond the Biblical three score years and ten. He is making his home with his son George Gould and daughter Mrs. Caldwell. Another daughter is Mrs. B. Bishop of Clyde, Alta. This elderly gentleman is still enjoying good health plays his violin every day and enjoys life to a full measure. The News joins with the district in wishing him a hundred birthdays and more.

Mr. George Conquest, well known baritone singer, of Edmonton, will be the special soloist at the Community Church next Sunday evening.

Mr. Conquest is choir leader, of the University Choir, Edmonton, and has already attracted considerable attention in Edmonton, being one of the best baritones in that city.

A year ago, Mr. Conquest won the highest honors at the Musical Festival, held in Calgary, when he succeeded in carrying off the gold medal for the baritone section. In addition to this a silver medal was also won by Mr. Conquest for duet work. With such an outstanding singer as Mr. Conquest, and the special assistance by the Choir and ladies quartette, the Sunday Evening Service at Community Church promises to be one of the best.

On Friday last at the King Edward Hotel the third of the series of G.W.V.A. "500" drives was held.

The crowd turned out splendidly as usual, about 60 players being present. It is well to state here that these drives are being continued all the spring, as a rumor was out that they were being discontinued. A Grand Prize is to be given for the greatest total aggregate of points.

Cards were commenced at 8.30 p.m. and 12 rubbers were played.

Miss Gilbert took the first ladies prize home, a real china Cup and Saucer.

The Ladies Booby came as a welcome surprise to Mrs. Graham in the form of a Card Table Cover, Embroidered. A Burnham took the Pocketknife as first prize and our old friend Tom Swift got as booby as All Day-Sucker to last his all night.

The refreshment committee surpassed themselves with the excellent lunch and a last word must be given thanking all the ladies outside the Association who so kindly assisted the G. W. V. A. by donations of cakes.

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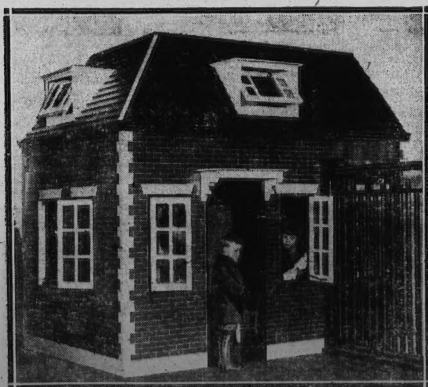
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## Main Street.

A Valentine party is being held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Knudson, in the Coal Springs district Saturday night.

Mr. A. F. Tucker has been confined to his home with a bad cold.

The Ladies Aid met at the home of Mrs. Tucker, Thursday afternoon.

Mr. T. C. Wood of Kincaid was in Irma Thursday looking after his property in this district.

Mrs. E. T. McDowell has purchased the J. W. Graydon house on Main St. and intends moving in some time this Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Horning have been renewing acquaintances in the district after spending nine months in Peru where Newton was drilling for the Imperial Oil Co.

Ed. Bunderman is sporting a new cutter. Next thing we know Ed. will be getting a new girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Whyte spent Monday in Edmonton.

The Irma U. F. A. held a social evening in the Coal Springs school house Thursday evening.

A social evening and dance will be given in aid of the Junior Red Cross the members of the Sunny Brae Society, in the School on February 20th. Ladies please bring cakes.

Mr. L. Rostrop has purchased the house on the Burrell from Mr. Simons and has had it moved to town. As soon as he gets it fixed up he intends moving his family in it.

Mr. V. Peterson has purchased the old McCready house back of the G. W. V. A. building and moved it to his farm S. W. of town. This is one of the oldest houses in town.

Mr. F. Peterson received word the first of the week that his son Arthur who is residing in Nebraska, had been kicked in the face by a horse. No further word has been received and the Petersons are anxiously waiting to hear how serious he is.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Maine and their daughter Mrs. Price of the Orbindale district, returned home Tuesday night after spending seven months in Edmonton. Mr. Maine was hurt while doing road work last June and spent three months in the Royal Alexander hospital. He is still unable to work and it doubtful if he will ever be able to do heavy work.

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### CORRECTION

In the statement published last week for the Municipality of Battle River the following corrections should be made. Under disbursements, "School Loan Disbursement, \$25,866.81" should have appeared under "Receipts" the item of \$506.49 shown as refund, should have been shown as Commission for Taxes Collected. These changes in no way affect the balance of the statement.

### IRMA WINS AT VIKING

The Irma Juniors had the pleasure Saturday of visiting Viking and defeating the junior team of that town in a fast hockey game, the score at the end of the third period being 3-2. For Viking, their goal keeper shone like a meteor, playing a whale of a game. He stopped at least twenty-five shots during the game and those that did elude him were unstopable. Viking took an early lead in the first minute of play but the Ironsides soon found themselves, and before the period was over, George Fischer, Irma's classy right winger, snaved in two goals. In the second period Viking again scored early and the phenomenal work of the Viking goalie kept Irma scoreless during the period. In the last canto Irma's heroic efforts to dent the net were rewarded when Earl Lennon picked up a rebound from the Viking goalkeeper's pads and drove the puck past him for the last goal of the game.

Irma's Line-up was: Bergie Guibree, goal; Darrel Peterson, Wayne Mitchell, defense; Wendell Mitchell, Arnold Tucker, George Fischer, forwards; Earl Lennon, sub.

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For a short time we offer The Irma Times and The Edmonton Journal Farm Weekly both for one year for \$2.50. This is your chance to get two papers almost for the price of one.

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## Here and There

The annual tobacco yield in the United States has a value of over \$250,000,000.

A regular air service between Sweden and England has been decided upon and will be established shortly. The terminals will be Malmo and London with intermediate landings in Hamburg. Only six hours will be required for the flight.

The Minister of Lands has announced that a Dutch organization has offered to purchase 200,000 acres of land in the Stuart Lake district, British Columbia, for the purpose of colonization by Dutch agriculturists.

The Canadian Pacific is now perfecting plans to aid in the development of the mining industry of Ontario, by placing car ferries on Lake Temiskaming. These ferries will ply between South Lake and Vill Marie, and between New Lakehead, Hailybury and other Ontario points, and the Quebec port.

Major-General MacBrien, chief of staff of the Department of National Defence, Ottawa, addressing the members of the Canadian Club at London recently, announced that it is probable that the Canadian Permanent Force of Militia will be established by Order-in-Council on April 1.

Forty-nine automobile cars of Ford machines recently left Windsor, Ont., for Vancouver, B.C., via Canadian Pacific. This was an unusually heavy movement of cars to one city, and another remarkable feature was that all of the automobiles, some three hundred, were for local consumption.

The Canadian Pacific Railway, which in 1899 brought down to the head of the lakes only 26,000,000 bushels of grain, actually brought down 186,000,000 bushels last season. This is equal to the total volume of grain moved by all the railways of the United States combined during the same time. In the terminals at Minneapolis, Chicago and Duluth.

The Canadian Pacific Railway within the next few weeks will have sent out to its station agents 11,000 packets of seed and from thirty to forty thousand flower bulbs, and later on to its Western station agents 100,000 trees and shrubs. It requires 200,000 bedding plants to fill the beds of the permanent gardens and parks of the company every year.

The crack train of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the Trans-Canada, run every summer, will make the trip from Montreal to Vancouver in 90 hours, instead of 120 hours. The schedule run for next year. Previously the 92-hour run was the fastest connected run in North America, and the two hours cut off this time adds to its superiority for travel between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

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## SYNOPSIS

Peter Blood, a young Irish physician, is arrested as a Monmouth rebel by soldiers of King James and sentenced to death by the Lord Jeffries. The King, however, realizing the need of man power in the colonies, orders the rebel-sentenced to the Barbadoes to be sold as slaves. Blood and his friend, Jeremy Pitt, with fifty others, are shipped to Bridgetown. Their Colonel, Bishop, military commander, at the behest of his niece, Arabella Bishop, purchased Blood for ten pounds when he learns that he is a skilled physician. Arabella offers her friendship to Blood but in his own bitterness over the cruelty of his position he does not at first understand the true character of Arabella. Later he comes to know her true worth. A Spanish ship, commanded by Don Diego de Esparosa, Valdez attacks Bridgetown and the Spaniards sack the city. Blood saves Mary Trill from a Spanish ruffian and sends her and Arabella to safety back of the town. He then marshals his fellow rebels together and they capture the garrison while the crew is feasting and ravaging the city.

## CHAPTER IX.—Continued

Crouching low, they glided, noiseless as shadows, to the quarter-deck rail, and there slipped without sound down into the water. In the vessel's waist they hung awhile, until Mr. Blood had satisfied himself that no other sentinel showed above deck but that inconspicuous fellow in the prow. Their first attention must be to him. Mr. Blood, himself, kept abreast with two companions, leaving the others in the charge of the Nathaniel Hagthorpe whose sometime commission in the King's Navy gave him the best title to this office.

Mr. Blood's absence was brief. When he rejoined his comrades there was no watch about the Spaniards' decks. Meanwhile the revellers below continued to make merry at their ease in the conviction of complete security. Suddenly out of an uncouth pack of savages that beset them, stepped a slim, tall fellow with light-blue eyes in a tawny face, eyes in which glinted the light of a wicked humor. He addressed them in the purest Castilian.

"You will save yourselves pain and trouble by regarding yourselves my prisoners and suffering yourselves to be quietly bestowed out of harm's way."

"Name of God!" swore the gunner, which did not just suit all to an amazement beyond expression.

"If you please," said Mr. Blood, and thereupon those gentlemen of Spain

were induced without further trouble beyond a musket prod or two to drop through a scuttle to the deck below. It was soon after sunrise that the rebel-sentenced who paced the quarter-deck in Spanish corselet and headpiece, a Spanish musket on his shoulder, announced the approach of a boat. It was Don Diego de Esparosa, Valdez coming aboard with four great treasure-chests, containing each twenty-five thousand pieces of eight, the ransom delivered to him at dawn by Governor Steed. He was accompanied by his son, Don Esteban, and by six men who took the oars.

Don Diego mounted the ladder and stepped upon the deck, alone, and entirely unsuspecting. Before he could even look round, and survey this guard drawn up to receive him, a tap over the head with a captain bar efficiently handled by Hagthorpe put him to sleep without the least fuss. He was carried away to his cabin, whilst the treasure-chests, handled by the men he had left in the boat, were being hauled to the deck. That being satisfactorily accomplished, Don Esteban and the fellows who had manned the boat came up the ladder, one by one, to be handled with the same quiet efficiency.

With Colonel Bishop at their head, and gout-ridden Governor Steed sitting on the ruins of a wall beside him, survivors on shore glumly watched the departure of the eight boats containing the weary Spanish ruffians who had glutted themselves with rapine, murder and violence unspeakable.



A courtly gentleman met Colonel Bishop

The boats pulled away from the shore, with their loads of laughing, jeering Spaniards, who were still flinging taunts across the waters at their surviving victims. They had come midway between the wharf and the ship, when suddenly the air was shaken by the boom of a gun. A round shot struck the water within a fathom of the foremost boat, sending a shower of spray over its occupants. A second shot came to crumple one of the boats into splinters, flinging its crew, dead and living, into the water.

The resolute Ogle was making excellent practice, and fully justifying his claims to know something of gunnery. In their consternation the Spaniards had simplified his task by loading their boats together. If the Spaniards understood nothing of all this, the forlorn islanders ashore understood still less, until to help their wits they saw the flag of Spain come down from the mainmast of the Cinco Lagas, and the flag of England soar to its empty place. Ogle, however, continued to fire proof that his knowledge of gunnery was not of yesterday.

After the fleeing Spaniards went his shots. The last of their boats went into splinters as it touched the wharf, and its remains were buried under a shower of loosened masonry.

The mystery of the success that had come at the eleventh hour to wreak vengeance upon the Spaniards, and to preserve for the island the extortionate ransom of a hundred thousand pieces of eight, remained yet to

be probed. That the Cinco Lagas was now in friendly hands could no longer be doubted after the proofs it had given. It remained to ascertain the precise identity of these mysterious savages and do them fitting honor. Upon this grand venture Colonel Bishop as the Governor's deputy, attended by two officers.

As he stepped from the ladder into the vessel's waist, the Colonel beheld there, beside the main hatch, the four treasure-chests, the contents of one of which had been contributed almost entirely by himself. Ranged on either side, behind the deck, stood a score of men in two well-ordered files, with breasts and backs of steel, polished Spanish morions on their heads, overshadowing their faces, and muskets ordered at their sides.

A courtly gentleman advanced to greet him—a lean, graceful gentleman, dressed in the Spanish fashion, all in black with silver lace, a gold-budded sword dangling beside him from a gold embroidered baldric, a broad castor, with a sweeping plume set above carefully curled ringlets of deep-black hair.

"Be welcome aboard the Cinco Lagas, Colonel, darling," a voice vaguely familiar addressed the planter.

"Peter Blood! Was it you then?"

"Myself it was—myself and these my good friends and yours."

"Glad my life!" he crowed on a note of Spanish jubilation. And it was with these words that he took the Spaniard and turned the tables on those dogs. As God's my life, you deserve well for this."

"I am entirely of your opinion," said Mr. Blood. "The question is how well we deserve, and how grateful you find us."

"Why—his excellency shall write home an account of your exploit, and maybe some portion of your sentences shall be remitted."

"The generosity of King James is well known," sneered Nathaniel Hagthorpe, who was standing by, and amongst the ranged rebels-convict some one ventured to laugh.

And one intervened—the brawny one-eyed Wolverstone, less mercifully disposed than his more gentlemanly fellow-convict.

"String him up from the yard-arm," he cried. Mr. Blood turned.

"If you please, Wolverstone," said he, "I conduct affairs in my own way. That is the fact. You'd please to remember it." His eyes looked along the ranks, making it plain that he addressed the Governor. To him, as Colonel Bishop should have his life as a hostage. If he insist on hanging him, ye'll have to hang me with him, or in the alternative I'll go ashore."

(To be continued)

## Hunt For Hidden Treasure

Moscow Government Financing Search For Wealth of Alexander the Great

Fabled treasure buried by Alexander the Great somewhere in the Caucasus may become the property of the Russian Soviet Government. Professor Samoiloff, a distinguished Russian archaeologist, has persuaded the Moscow Government to finance a search for the hidden treasure, believed to consist of gold, silver and precious stones. The professor states that he is convinced the treasure is buried somewhere near Baku.

**Libraries in Saskatchewan**  
During the year 1924 more than 1,000 circulating libraries were in operation in Saskatchewan, as compared with about 800 in the year 1923. The average number of families reading each book was 17. More than half a million volumes were circulated by these libraries during the year.

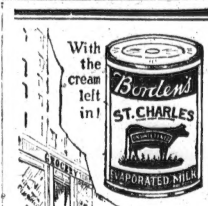
**Production of Lead**  
Canada produced some 168,700,000 pounds of lead in 1924, and it is estimated that nearly 300,000,000 of this came from the Trail Smelter of the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company. Canada's production figured out at \$4,837 tons, as against 59,697 tons in 1923.

**Canada's Export Trade**  
The export trade of Canada during the nine months ending December, 1924, according to official returns, was \$287,778,414, an increase of \$12,706,842 over the corresponding period of the previous year. Imports were \$292,549,052, a decrease of \$75,171,291.

**Pure-bred Sheep**  
One of the largest herds of pure-bred registered Ramboulette sheep ever imported into Alberta recently arrived at Raymond, Alta. The flock included 1,239 animals for the ranch of Ray Knight.

**The Great Pyramid of Cheops, at Gizeh, is the only one of the "Seven Wonders of the World" that has survived.**

It is true that the prodigious sun won out, but it was tough on the fatted



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## First Record of Eclipse

Date Given By Chinese Was October 22, 2137 B.C.

The earliest recorded eclipse of the sun took place on October 22, 2137 B.C. The evidence for it, clouded in the intricacies of Chinese poetry and Chinese chronology, makes the date less positive than it sounds; but it is said to say that for all of the four thousand years and more that intervened between it and the recent eclipse man has been observing these extraordinary phenomena and drawing his own conclusions. Ancient man was without the advantages of chemistry or planetary dynamics but for all that he understood that his life depended upon the sun, and it is difficult to imagine a more terrifying catastrophe than his sudden disappearance from the heavens.

The first scientific expedition sent to observe an eclipse in America, according to Professor Mitchell, was that sent from Harvard University in 1780 to Penobscot Bay, but it is interesting to learn that at the eclipse of 1842 the Italian populace "burst into applause" at the conclusion of the spectacle, and in Milan they cheered the astronomers.—New York Herald Tribune.

## The First Postmark

Contained Date and First Two Letters Of Month

Beyond a casual glance at the name of the town and the date, few people trouble about the postmarks on their letters, says a writer in a London paper.

The first postmark was circular in form, and contained in the upper half the first two letters of the name of the month, and in the lower a number for the day, as OC and 24, representing October 24th.

A postmark introduced in 1786 consisted of two concentric circles, the outer circle containing the year and the month, and the inner one having a single large figure for the day. In 1792 a further alteration was found necessary in order to keep a check on sorters, and the outer circle was given a double rim for use on letters sorted in the afternoon. From 1800 to 1822 the "1" was left out of the date.

## Should Cultivate Study Habit

Only Way to Develop Mentally Says

President Butler, of Columbia University, maintains that the only cure for ignorance is to cultivate a habit of studying all through life. That the school period should simply be a beginning of this mental development. The habit of study cultivated in school should continue every day to the very end of life. Very few realize this and that accounts for the lack of "balance" that we find in so many persons. The reasoning capacity can only be developed by regular use. You cannot keep abreast of the times unless your mind grows, in power with the progress of the years.—New York Evening Graphic.

A new German airplane has one-man wings that can be taken down and folded against the fuselage in two minutes.

## Work and Worry Weaken Many Women

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## Find Historical Prize

Ruins of Buried City Found in State of Nevada

Far back in the untraveled recesses of Nevada, a new buried city has been discovered, one which will probably prove among the greatest archaeological finds in North American history, according to Governor James G. Scruggs, of Nevada.

"We believe we are about to open up the largest Pueblo ever found on this continent," Governor Scruggs said. "The ruins seem to stretch for six miles, fifty feet or so above the high water mark of the river. They are about a mile wide. The town's population was probably 15,000."

"This far we have excavated forty houses and eleven bodies, ten of them women. Ancient pottery, estimated 2,000 years old, was found with the remains."

"Walls of the houses were of adobe, plastered on woven rushes. The clay still retains the mold of the leaves. The floors were paved with stones."

"Necklaces of carved turquoise were found on the women. The jewels were highly polished and shaped like grains of corn. We found squash and corn seed in vases and jars of rude pottery."

## Some Quaint Rental Customs

Have Been Handled Down in England For Centuries

Among the strangest of England's medieval customs which have been handed down to posterity is that of the "quilt rents" of six horseshoes and a bundle of faggots solemnly paid at the British Law Courts annually to the King's Remembrancer. These are for certain tenants under the Crown.

The mayor of London, in Lincolnshire, again, is held on condition that the holder shall bear a white robe before the King at Christmas if ever the Sovereign happens to spend the festival in that county; whilst a Sussex mayor costs his holder the trouble of carrying a banner across the county when the King passes through it in war array.

## Lunched With General Haig

Samuel Gompers Enjoyed Informal Meeting in France

An English officer who was detailed to escort Samuel Gompers during his visit to the western front in 1918, recalls his meeting with Sir Douglas Haig, who invited him to lunch at the latter's headquarters. The visitor was amazed to find only heaps of stones and debris, and wondered about lunch, but after showing his guest the bridge work going on, the general suggested: "What about lunch here?" and produced army bread and cold meat and coffee out of a thermos. In leaving, Mr. Gompers told his escort: "The finest gentleman I have met since I came to Europe."—Springfield Republican.

## The Only Exception

Jail Only Concern That Can Afford Not to Advertise

The idea that any concern can afford not to advertise is essentially wrong, and has been disproved by experience. There is not a business in this country, except that of the governor of a prison, that could not be doubled in volume by skillful advertisement. Even cemeteries have been known to advertise and prosper by it. The trend of the modern age in commercial affairs might be summed up in the dictum: "If your business is not worth advertising, advertise it for sale."—London Daily Express.

## The Happiest Spot

The township of Salechito, in the province of Novara, Italy, is being hailed as the happiest spot in the world.

In 1923 none of the 400 inhabitants died.

In 1924 none of them married.

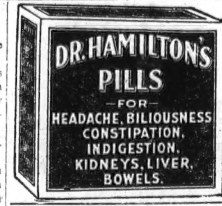
The man who is always going to do a lot of great things usually ends by doing a few small things.

Nothing else makes the time pass so quickly as a ninety-day note.

## Famous Engineer Dies

Sir Guilford Moleworth, famous engineer, died recently at Bexley, Eng., aged 96.

A bride is all right when she is well groomed.



**Chinese Geologist Finds Fossil Beetle**

Age Has Been Estimated at Fifteen Million Years

In that most venerable land of old things, China, a scarab beetle, of an age that makes King Tut's reign a mere tick of the clock age, has just been turned up.

A member of the Chinese geological survey, working in Shantung, the sacred province of North China, found the fossil beetle in rocks of the Cretaceous period, or Age of Fishes, of an age estimated at 15 million years.

This makes the scarab easily the oldest beetle in the world. Evidently the beetle has been very conservative in the matter of evolution, for this primitive scarab resembles very closely his present-day ninth degree great-grandchildren.

## King's Lynn Is Historic

First Polar Expedition Said to Have Started From There in 1330

Prince Henry was recently created to the office of Lord High Steward of King's Lynn. This historic place was known as Bishop's Lynn in the days before the Reformation. It was during those years that the highwater mark of the ancient town's prosperity was reached, and Lynn, with her two noble churches and merchant princes, became the third port in the kingdom. From Lynn it is said the first Polar expedition on record was sent forth in 1330, and it was the birthplace of that notable adventurer, George Vancouver, who was born in the half-timbered cottage still standing in the yard of the Quaker Meeting House.

## Saw Valuable Cargo Unloaded

Gold Bars Worth Over Million Pounds Landed at Plymouth

Strimmers along the docks at Plymouth, Eng., saw a third when they witnessed the unloading from the steamer George Washington of a shipment of gold bars. The gold was in kegs and was shipped by New York bankers. In the 96 kegs there was gold of a value approximately of £1,200,000. There also came from the steamer a shipment of silver valued at £27,000. About one-half of the billion went to London and the remainder to Bombay.

## LITTLE HELPS FOR THIS WEEK

Take therefore no thought for the morrow.—Matt. v. 34.

I think not of to-morrow. But still with childlike spirit For present mercies ask. With each returning morning I cast old things away; Life's journey lies before me. My prayer is for to-day.

Let us take short views. Let us not climb the high wall (ill) we get to, or shed the battle till it opens, or fight tears after sorrows that may never come, or lose the joys and blessings that we have by the sinful fear that God will take them away from us. We need all our strength, and all the grace God can give us for today's burdens and today's battle. Tomorrow belongs to our Heavenly Father.

—Theodore L. Cuyler.

## Famous Engineer Dies

Sir Guilford Moleworth, famous engineer, died recently at Bexley, Eng., aged 96.

A bride is all right when she is well groomed.

## Work and Worry Weaken Many Women

NEW HEALTH CAN BE HAD THROUGH

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

They Give New Vitality and more.

The demands upon a mother's strength are many and severe; her own health trials and her children's welfare exact heavy toll, while broken rest and much indoor living tend to weaken her constitution. No wonder that the woman at home is often indisposed through sick headache, backache, and nervous troubles. But varied as her health troubles are, the cause is simple, and relief near at hand. When well, it is good blood that keeps a woman well; when ill, she must make her blood rich to renew her health; and the nursing mother—more than any other—needs rich blood and plenty of it.

Care of diet, sufficient rest, fresh air, and Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will keep a woman's health robust and regular; and because these pills make new blood abundantly, thousands of weak wives and mothers have derived prompt health-help from them.

Dr. Stewart Grant, Stewieville, N.B., says: "After the birth of my first baby I did not rest a night. I could scarcely walk across the room because of the pains in my back. I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and through that I regained good health. Later on a streak of influenza laid me very weak, and again the pills fully restored me. I can recommend them to anyone who is weak or run-down."

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### WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

Fleet Marshal Baron Grenfell, one of Great Britain's most noted military leaders is dead.

Toronto oil companies have announced an increase of two cents a gallon in the price of gasoline, effective immediately.

A new radio development to revolutionize broadcasting is predicted, following the non-carrier wave recently invented.

Roderick McKenzie, outstanding figure in organizing the United Farmers of Manitoba, is dead, following a paralytic stroke.

The United States senate has ratified a treaty with Great Britain dealing with the extradition from Canada of persons charged with violating the Harrison Narcotic Act.

Ramsay MacDonald, the former British prime minister, and the British parliamentary delegates who have been visiting Central America, have returned to England.

There will be no change in the hall insurance rates for Manitoba this year, but some slight changes will be made in certain sections of Saskatchewan and Alberta, according to an announcement made by the Hall Underwriters' Association.

Automobile accidents in the United States are increasing at the rate of 2,000 a year, says the Eyesight Conservation Council of America, which believes that defective vision is responsible for a large percentage of them.

Reginald McKenna, chairman of the board of directors of the Midland Bank and former chancellor of the exchequer, states that sterling probably will soon stand at its gold value, because the dollar, under pressure of the surplus gold supply, will have come down to the pound's level.

Cuba has 40 broadcasting stations. There are 18 in Havana alone, more than in any city in the United States.

### Advices Young Mothers.



—The Midland Photo Studio

**MRS. CLAYTON HURAS**  
Sirasford, Ont.—"Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives strength and is the greatest help in motherhood of any medicine I know of. I have four very healthy children and during each expectant period I took 'Favorite Prescription' and just got along fine, my strength kept up and I had no distress or suffering to speak of, which most women have to endure at this time. 'Favorite Prescription' keeps a woman in perfect physical condition all thru this trying period."—Mrs. Clayton Huras, 213 Railway Ave.

Just ask your nearest druggist for this Prescription of Dr. Pierce's in tablet or liquid form.

Write Dr. Pierce, President Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., if you want free medical advice.

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### Unsinkable Ships

German Engineer Claims to Have Made An Important Discovery

What is claimed to be an invention which renders ships unsinkable was given a trial on Lake Constance recently, according to the Berlin Tageblatt. The inventor, a German engineer named Liberau, installed the apparatus in a boat with a cargo of 200 kilograms (440 pounds). Liberau then sank the boat, declaring it would reappear within an hour. This it did. The dispatch adds that details of the invention are not available.

### France Had Record Tourist Year

Realized Over Two Hundred Million From Americans in 1923

One hundred and thirty-five thousand Americans left 2,925,000,000 behind them in France in 1923, establishing a record tourist year, according to statistics. Only ten per cent came on business, the rest for pleasure. It is reckoned that each spent \$1,500, which seems a moderate estimate in view of the large number of purchases of souvenirs to carry home. The figures for 1924 are not available yet, but it is estimated they are very high.

### Suffered With Rheumatism For Several Years

#### Saskatchewan Man Completely Relieved by Dodd's Kidney Pills

Hundreds of men in Canada have been relieved of their aches and pains by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Orthion, Sask.—(Special).—That rheumatism is caused by disordered kidneys and that Dodd's Kidney Pills will relieve it, is again proved by the case of Mr. John Chesney, a well-known and esteemed resident of this place.

"I have suffered with rheumatism for several years. One box of Dodd's Kidney Pills has given me complete relief. I am happy to be able to say a good word of your pills to all my friends."

It is astounding how many people go on suffering day after day with aches and pains, rheumatism and backaches. They suffer because they are not aware of the fact that they can get relief. Strenuous the kidneys, which are the sources of the trouble, and these pains vanish. Dodd's Kidney Pills act directly on the kidneys. They heal and strengthen them so that they do their full work of straining out the impurities out of the blood.

### Will Sail North Again

Shackleton's Famous Ship, "The Quest," to Penetrate Frozen Realms

Sir Ernest Shackleton's famous exploration ship, "The Quest," sturdy veteran of the Arctic, this year will penetrate the frozen realms of the polar sea. It will carry two hunting expeditions, one to the White Sea by way of Nova Zembla and Franz Josef Land, returning by way of Bear Island and Spitzbergen, and the other to the remote island of Jan Mayen, and the east coast of Greenland. Seal, polar bear and musk oxen will be the principal game sought.

Captain Schelledeup, noted northern skipper and sailing master of the Oxford University Arctic expedition in 1922, will be in command of The Quest.

### Ex-Kaiser Renews Youth

Former Emperor Wilhelm of Germany has undergone a "monkey gland" operation and looks "younger than the crown prince," the London Sunday Express says. The Express' Paris correspondent quotes a Mrs. Petrov, an American woman, who stayed the holidays at Doorn, as saying that the emperor is as sprightly as a youth, with a beard and moustache no longer grey.

Paring a corn is both risky and ineffective. It is much better to use Holloway's Corn Remover and eradicate them entirely.

### Saving Strength For South American Visit

Prince Expects to Have Strenuous Five Months' Trip

The Prince of Wales is conserving his energy these days for the strenuous five and a half months' trip to South America and the Argentine, on which he starts at the end of March. His appearance at organization dinners and other public functions, which ordinarily take up a great part of his time, have been few and far between since his sojourn in Canada and the United States.

Following his South American trip, the Prince will pay his second visit to Ireland. His first trip to Ireland was as long ago as 1911, when, with his sister, Princess Mary, he accompanied the King and Queen to Dublin in the month of July. The occasion of his coming visit will be in celebration of the bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Free Masons of Ireland, of which he will be installed senior grand warden.

## CHILBLAINS

At Ashtabkan

Zam-Buk soon lays the inflammation and swelling, soothes itching pain and soothes the irritating irritation. Where skin is broken, fevers, swollen Zama skin is doubly valuable because of its great healing and anesthetic power.

**Zam-Buk**

### Famine In Russia

Police Shoot and Kill Starving People

The Moscow press is unable to ignore the famine which has engulfed 11,000,000 people in the Southern Ukraine and Lower Volga districts. Reports from the Saratov, Tatarstan, Astrakhan, Kadan and Stavropol districts say a large percentage are eating bark and refuse.

Astrakhan was the scene of a riot when 200 starving people began a fight over possession of garbage cans at the Hotel Europe, which is occupied by local Soviet officials. The police fired upon the crowd, killing five.

### Children and Crime

Sending Children Under Eighteen to Prison is Wrong Method

No one under 18 ought to be sent to prison until other methods have been tried, for there is much truth in the saying that offenders may be classified into those who never ought to go to prison and those who once there, ought never to come out. Certainly there comes a time in the hardened criminal's career when "preventive detention" is justified, and often the kindest thing would be to keep the prisoner after his term is over.—The London Daily Telegraph.

### Island Disappears

Considerable Loss of Life Feared When Island off African Coast is Submerged

Port Alexander, a small isle in West Africa, the Portuguese colony of Angola, has been suddenly submerged in the sea and has completely disappeared, according to a Lisbon dispatch to the London Sunday Express.

No details have been received, but a considerable loss of life is feared, as the islet, which was 4,000 square yards in area, was inhabited by Portuguese and native settlers.

### WALKED THE FLOOR FOR HOURS NERVES WERE SO BAD

Wherever there are people who are troubled with deranged nerves they will find in Milburn's Heart and Nerve Pills, a remedy that will restore the equilibrium of these deranged centres and bring back the shattered nervous system to a perfect condition.

Mrs. W. W. Anthouse, Woodruff, Ont., writes: "After having a severe attack of bronchitis I was left in a very weak, run-down condition; my nerves all broken up; could not sleep at night, and would have to get out of bed and walk the floor for hours."

"After using a box of

### MILBURN'S HEART AND NERVE PILLS

I began to feel much better, and after taking a few more boxes I could enjoy my rest as well as I ever did. I always recommend them to all my friends."

For sale at all druggists and dealers; put up only by The T. Milburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

### Noisless Airplane Invented

A noiseless airplane, which is expected to prove of great value in night bombing warfare of the future, is said to have been developed by British aviation experts. A noiseless propeller has been arranged through an ingenious use of gears. The invention also removes one of the main obstacles to airplane passenger service—the great roar of the motors.



### Cuticura Talcum For Young And Old

After a bath with Cuticura Soap and warm water Cuticura Talcum is indispensable in soothing and cooling tender or irritated skins. They are ideal for all toilet uses.

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Try our new Shaving Stick.

### Horses Obeyed Orders

Nine Thoroughbreds on Ocean Liner Show Their Intelligence

Two days out from Glasgow, the Anchor liner California was hoisted to while nine thoroughbred circus horses were transferred from improvised stalls on the shelter deck to the forward lower freight square on C deck. High seas necessitated the change.

"There was a bulkhead two feet high," said Capt. Blakie, "over which the horses had to pass to get to the companionway square. Mr. Joyce would say: 'Now, put your right foot over; now the left,' and the horses obeyed. They didn't know where they were going and stopped at the entrance to the companionway. 'Go inside,' said Mr. Joyce, and in they went. Sailors couldn't have obeyed orders better."

### Airplanes Carry Precious Cargo

Diamonds and Gold Transported Quickly Over Belgian Congo

Precious stones were part of the cargo of the airplanes flying over the 1,100 miles of tropical jungle between Kuchasha, the capital of the Belgian Congo, and Katanga, in the interior. No fewer than 25 aerodromes and landing grounds have been built in the swamps and jungles around the Congo, providing a continuous chain of alighting grounds. The principal "cargoes" on the air route will consist of diamonds, gold and ivory, which will be brought from the interior to the capital in a single day instead of in a week as by present transport methods.

### Carter Starts Work Again

Everything Sealed in Tomb Found in Good Condition

A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Luxor, Egypt, says the tomb of Tutankhamen was opened in the presence of government officials and members of the antiquities department. The contents of the tomb taken out last year, were handed over to Howard Carter, the Egyptologist. Carter found everything that had been sealed when the tomb was closed remained intact.

The priceless pall of sarcophagus, which had been left outside the tomb in a thin wooden shell, however, had deteriorated probably beyond repair.

### To Import Danish Hogs

Province of Alberta is Anxious to Develop Industry

At the recent meetings of the United Farmers of Alberta, the premier of the province, Hon. H. Greenfield, stated that the government proposed to import a number of Danish hogs in an effort to develop in Canada hogs which would retain the length and quality of those which have made Danish bacon famous. The government, he said, realized that Alberta could not prosper on agriculture alone, and it was lending every assistance to the development of industry, and the building up of an all-round province.

### Old Employees Honored

Every Member of British Dairy Company Received Present

One of the foremost dairy companies of Great Britain has a long service corps connected with it, the members being made up of employees who have been in the service of the organization for 30 years.

The corps boasts of a membership of 261 men and 21 women and which the members met recently for a dinner each one of them was presented with a gold watch, a silver badge and a certificate of merit. Included were nearly all the directors of the company, and the most humble milk roundsman.

### Too Many Castles In Germany

Castles in Germany, the former homes of dukes and princes which are now in the hands of the government, have become so numerous that officials do not know what to do with them. Some have been converted into museums and public buildings, but the majority will remain vacant unless they are purchased by wealthy foreigners.

### Mark of Respect in Tibet

In Tibet, respect to a thing or person is shown by always keeping it on one's right-hand side. In passing by any religious edifice it is proper always to pass round them from left to right, "clockwise," which is also the direction in which the prayerwheel should be turned. To violate this rule is considered an act of blasphemy.

Silk alpaca, which really is not a silk at all, is made from the hair of the Peruvian sheep.

Every middle-aged woman is set in her ways and opinions, but you can't induce her to admit it.

### Mirand's Liniment for Sprains and Bruises



### Head and Chest Colds Relieved In a New Way

A Salve which Releases Medicated Vapors when Applied Over Throat and Chest.

Inhaled as a vapor and, at the same time absorbed through the skin like a liniment, Vicks VapoRub reaches immediately inflamed, congested air passages. This is the modern direct treatment for all cold troubles that is proving so popular in Canada and the States where over 17 million jars are now used yearly.

Splendid for sore throat, tonsillitis, bronchitis, croup, head and chest colds, catarrh or hay fever.

Just rub Vicks over throat and chest and inhale the medicated vapors. It quickly loosens up a cold.

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### Goodwill Among Nations

Quite Possible to Drive Out Bitterness and Animosity

So close to the verge of ruin has the world been brought that all private animosity and lingering bitterness towards a final catastrophe too terrible to contemplate. It is no longer or wholly a question of what Germany deserves or what France is entitled to, but of what is best for the British, French or German child who is to carry on the world's civilization to the future years. Only a deliberate sowing of goodwill can save the impoverished human soul. It may not be possible for a Frenchman to feel well disposed to a German or for a German to love a Belgian; but it is possible for every nation to set a standard of kindly conduct which in the end must fertilize the devastated fields.

### New Grain Elevator

Will Be First One Erected On Fraser River

Negotiations for the erection for the first grain elevator on the Fraser River have been commenced, according to a report made to the city council by Alderman Ross, chairman of the harbor committee. Alderman Ross stated that G. G. Foster and associates, grain men of Edmonton, had written requesting a 20-year lease on a river site for a grain loading concern.

Complete In Itself, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator does not require the assistance of any other medicine to make it effective. It does not fail to do its work.

### Saskatchewan Livestock

The total number of various classes of livestock in Saskatchewan at the close of 1924, is estimated at 2,814,588, distributed as follows: Horses, 1,170,517; cattle, 1,528,421; sheep, 123,226; swine, 992,424.

Our idea of a real genius is one who invents a way to keep exact record of his family.



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LADIES wanted to do plain and light sewing at home, whole or spare time, good pay, work sent any distance, charges paid. Send stamp for particulars, National Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

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## Pioneer Spirit Is Still At Work.

President of Canadian Pacific Tells His Officers of Railway's Efforts in Nation-Building—The C.P.R. and Politics—Good Wishes for the C.N.R.



one of their periodical conferences. They came from every part of Canada and, dealing as they do, with every phase of Canadian industry and trade, they represented to a remarkable extent the progress and development which Canada is now enjoying.

The close of the gathering was marked by a speech from President W. B. Beatty, which set forth in illuminating terms the present position of the great company and something of the lines along which it is pursuing the task for which it was first constructed, namely the building of a great Canadian nation.

Mr. Beatty began with a tribute to the bold enterprising men who, under such leaders as Champlain, and within eight and some of the Chateaux Frontenac where he was then speaking, had laid the first foundations of the nation. The spirit of Champlain did not die in 1635, he said, it carried on through the centuries, cleared the forests, tilled the land, founded cities, established routes of trade and commerce, constructed railways and steamships and was today seen wherever Canadian men and women were at the work of nation-building. It was this spirit that had built the Canadian Pacific.

Mr. Beatty's utterance on the matter of politics was as frank as it was important. He said:

"Every Canadian is naturally concerned with national politics, whether they emanate from one political party or another, and the Company because of its tremendous stake in the Country and the fact that it is a trustee of hundreds of millions of British, Canadian and American capital, jealously guards those interests against unfairness or the adoption of any policy calculated to destroy the integrity of those investments. When I say that, however I have said all. The company is not in politics and I would suggest that it has little, if any, political influence. No officer or employee of the Company has, in recent years, been ever asked or requested to discharge his franchise save according to his own belief and we propose that they shall be left with that freedom unembarrassed by our own views or predilections."

Mr. Beatty's reference to the national system of railways was equally frank and timely. He pointed out the peculiar anomaly that: "The less profitable are the operations of the National Railway System the greater the taxes of the Canadian Pacific, and if the National Railways prosper through diversion of business from the Canadian Pacific, we lose in revenue more than we gain in taxes. He further said: "We may conclude that the test of government ownership is being made under as favorable conditions as can be secured. The railway mileage of the Country is proportionately greater than the traffic available to support it. This Company has a very real reason to hope for the success of the National Railways, provided that they are able to build up and secure. The greatest factor which will contribute to the National Railways' progress is the development of Canada, the increase in population and the expansion of industries. If, by a happy combination of these factors the

progress of the National Railways continues, I, for one, will be very glad because it will carry with it the assurance that Canadian Pacific progress will be still greater in the future than in the past."

The greatness of a railway is accurately gauged by the character of the men it produces. No other institution in the country has produced so many outstanding men in their various communities. I speak not merely of such as Sir William Van Horne and Lord Shaughnessy. I speak of hundreds of C.P.R. officers who have so finely served the Company and the Country. Owing to these men, the Canadian Pacific has not been merely a collection of subsidies or a machine for earning revenues. It has been the dynamic force in the life and progress of Canada, settling vacant lands, fostering new industries, developing latent resources, opening up markets, introducing outside capital, bringing in as tourists or immigrants vast armies of purchasers to consume her produce.

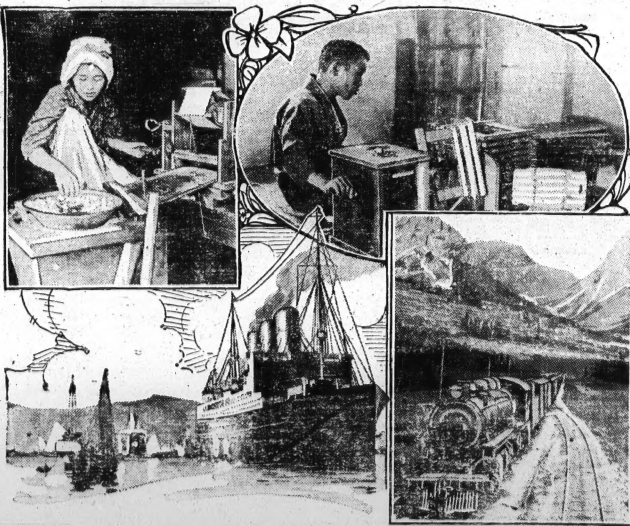
The C.P.R. man is inspired by the thought that without the Canadian Pacific Railway, Confederation would never have been agreed to in principle, and would never have been maintained in actual fact. The present King of England while Prince of Wales said: "We all know how the Canadian Pacific Railway has helped to make a Nation." That knowledge accounts more than anything else for the magnificent record and the splendid spirit of the officers of this Company.

Providing our politics are conceived in wisdom and executed with vigor, we have the assurance of great national development and commercial prosperity. All we can expect is the privilege of contributing to and sharing in the development, because we are Canadians, and because the future of this Company is inextricably connected with the future of our great Dominion."



Some at the head table, left to right—Hon. J. E. Carson, Minister of Agriculture for Quebec; Grant Hall, Vice-President; His Honor N. Perdomo, Lt.-Gov. of Quebec; D. C. Coleman, Vice-President of Western Canada; Hon. Ernest Lapointe, Minister of Justice; Sir Herbert Holt and F. W. Molson, Canadian Pacific Directors.—Drawings by E. Le Moineur reproduced from Montreal Star.

## Stolen Eggs and the Silk Trade



Above—Reeling silk in the Flouery Kingdom. Below—An Empress liner leading silk at Yokohama and a Canadian Pacific silk special passing through the Rockies.

Production of silk dates far into antiquity, and for ages the manner of its production was kept secret. Up to the sixth century A.D. all raw silk was imported into Europe from China, but the Byzantine Emperor Justinian induced two monks to travel into China to procure silk worm eggs and though the export of them was punishable by death, these monks succeeded in bringing back a quantity concealed in the hollows of their pilgrim's staves.

From Byzantium, silk cultivation spread into Greece and Syria, thence into Spain, and thence successively into Sicily, Naples, Northern Italy and France, being established in Italy in the sixteenth century.

Various determined attempts have been made, principally between the years 1822 and 1839 to establish the silk industry in America, resulting at one time in a not inconsiderable production, but the excessive cost of the labor involved in the rearing of the worms and in the reeling of the raw silk from the cocoons as compared with the trifling cost of such labor in Europe and Asia, has rendered it impossible to produce raw silk at commercial prices on this continent.

Most of the silk imported to America comes from Japan, Italy and China where, also, the humidity of the atmosphere contributes no little to the success of the industry in those countries. The greatest importation is from the Flouery Kingdom, where this mostly in the raw-silk form as it is reeled from the cocoons.

Silk is valuable in one commitment of a few hundred bales, worth thousands of dollars are tied up, and for this reason, that no time may be lost in making up the raw material and placing the finished goods upon the market, the product of the little silk

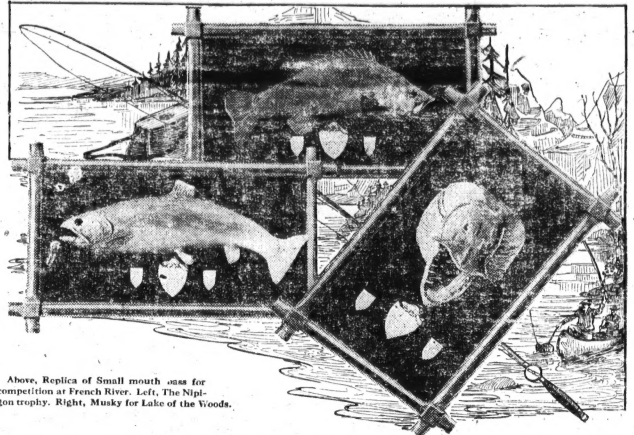
worm is given transportation facilities which few other commodities enjoy. The bales of skeins are stowed carefully in the vessels which transport them across the Pacific, and in such a manner that they can be speedily and safely discharged upon arrival at the Canadian or American port. No time is lost. Special trains made up of passenger baggage equipment await the arrival of the vessel if it docks at Vancouver as do the Empress liners of the Canadian Pacific, and once the valuable cargo has been sealed into the cars the train proceeds towards its destination, often making better time than the regular passenger trains.

For the reason that the route is more direct, many silk dealers in New York, where much of the silk is destined, consign their shipments via Canada and during the past few months many interesting time records have been made up of passenger baggage equipment.

On March 22nd, the "Empress of Asia," sailed from Yokohama carrying the largest consignment of silk to be forwarded from the Orient for some time. The silk was specially stowed for prompt discharge on arrival at Vancouver, and from the time the steamer docked, until the special train to New York left, there was a lapse of time of only thirteen and one-half minutes per car.

The silk was delivered in New York about midnight April 4th, the through time from Yokohama to New York being 13 days, 8 hours, and 12 minutes, calendar time. This constituted a record run as far as freight traffic is concerned, but passenger traffic is handled as readily by this company, 21 day Europe to Orient service via St. John, N.B., or the St. Lawrence route being regularly maintained.

## Striking Fish Trophies



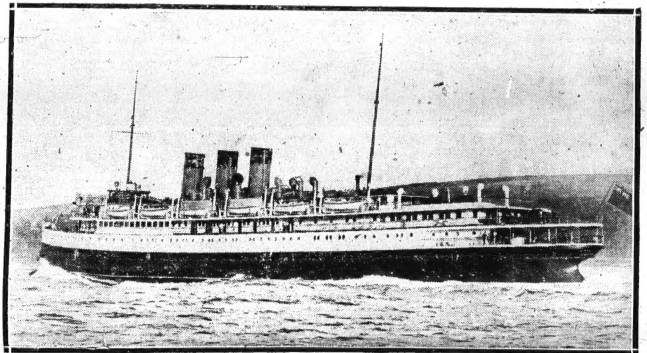
Above, Replica of Small mouth bass for competition at French River. Left, The Wiggon trophy. Right, Musky for Lake of the Woods.

These three handsome trophies of unusual and striking design have been offered by the Canadian Pacific Railway for annual competition between guests at each of its three Ontario Bungalow Camps and will be awarded to angler catching largest fish of specified variety in each case.

The trophies have been prepared from exact moulds made of exceptional specimens of fish and, with white metal as a base underneath a dull silver finish, faithful and lifelike facsimiles have resulted. They are displayed to advantage on a black oak panel.

For French River Bungalow Camp a 6½ pound small mouth bass has been reproduced; while the trophy for the Camp at Nipigon is a replica of a 6½ pound speckled trout. A feature of the Devil's Gap Camp (Lake of the Woods) trophy is the realistic and fierce expression of the head of a large muscalunge, with its bristling array of teeth.

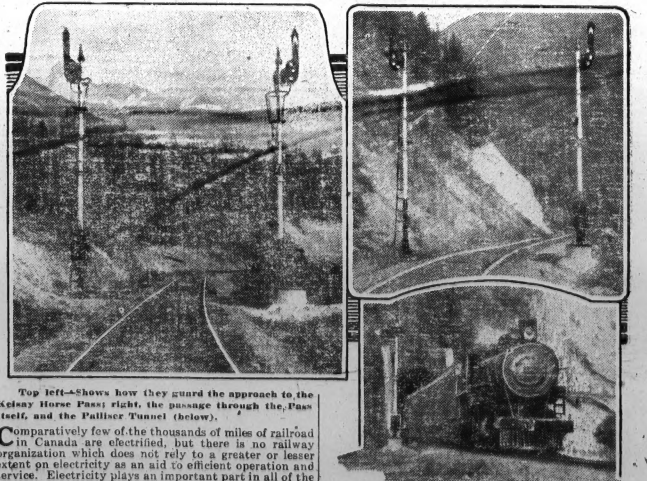
It is expected that these trophies will create wide-spread interest and keen rivalry among anglers from all over the continent.



## Princess Kathleen Makes Maiden Voyage

On her preliminary trials the "Princess Kathleen," built at the Clydebank yards of John Brown and Company expected of her, and the Canadian engineers and other officers who conducted the trials and who will bring this and a sister ship, the "Princess Marguerite," still under construction to Vancouver, expressed themselves as being entirely satisfied. With a speed of 22½ knots the new steamships will considerably reduce time between ports. Built with the object of speeding up and affording even better and more convenient service than is now offered, the two Princesses will be, without a shadow of doubt, the most elaborate yet tastefully beautiful vessels operating on the Pacific Coast. Three hundred and sixty-eight feet in length, their lines were specially designed for the service to which they will be put and those who have seen the new vessels describe them as being beyond comparison with any others of their kind. Five decks are given over to the accommodation of the passengers, whose private quarters and public rooms are most spacious and luxuriously fitted up. The "Princess Kathleen" sailed from the Clyde on January 15, expected to complete the journey to Vancouver in about thirty days, her route being via the Azores, the West Indies and the Panama, where she will pick up fuel oil. She will be placed in passenger service soon after her arrival. The "Princess Marguerite" is scheduled to leave the Clyde on March 15.

## Watchmen Who Never Sleep



Top left—Shows how they guard the approach to the Kootenay River Pass; right, the passage through the Pass itself, and the Puller Tunnel (below).

Comparatively few of the thousands of miles of railroad in Canada are electrified, but there is no railway organization which does not rely to a greater or lesser extent on electricity as an aid to efficient operation and service. Electricity plays an important part in all of the great Railroad Shops through the country. Some trains and cars are operated by power directly transmitted or stored in batteries. Bridges are operated, and a thousand and one electrical devices are in constant use which besides being labor saving do away with the human element which might make for inefficiency. Numbered among these are the automatic Block Signals which one finds distributed along the line of the Canadian Pacific, and notices particularly in the Rocky Mountain passes where they are more urgently required.

To the average layman an automatic signal is just a signal, and the general public is only interested in it because it gives added protection, or rather eliminates possible danger from the portion of track which it governs. To the railroad official it is more. It acts as watchman against broken rails, open switches, a fouled track or any

other obstruction. Through a circuit in the rail this is accomplished, and if the circuit is broken, for the reason that another train is occupying the block, or that there is an open switch, a broken rail, washout or other obstruction, then the train approaching the signal may not pass. And while it awaits a through signal, trains following in the rear may not approach for the reason that they are also stopped by an automatic signal which will not release them until the preceding train has passed from that section of the track which they desire to enter. A perfect system. No electrical circuit—no through signal—no train may pass.

The value of this system in the Rockies can hardly be over-estimated. Not only is labor saved, but the company is able to ensure absolute protection.